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sensor 34 so that the original identifying information is read. With this operation, the original can be confirmed.

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As described above in detail, according to this embodiment, since information for identifying an original is inputted and stored in relation to an image file before image data is obtained by reading an image with a scanner, a corresponding image file can be simply designated when a reprint is requested, which permits the reprint to be simply produced from the image file without a film. Accordingly, a procedure for requesting a reprint can be very simple.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:
- a reading device for photoelectrically reading an image of an original to obtain digital image data;
 - an image processor for subjecting the digital image data to a predetermined image processing to obtain a processed image data;
 - a printer for outputting a print according to the processed image data; and
 - an image recording device for outputting the image processed data to an image file;
- wherein
- both of outputting said print with the printer and outputting said image file with the image recording device;
 - further comprising:
 - an original identifying information input device for inputting information for identifying

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the original before the original is read; and

a data base for storing the inputted original identifying information in relation to the image file.

Please add the following new claims:

Q5 10. (New) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a reprint processing device for reprinting an image corresponding to the image file corresponding to the inputted original identifying information, wherein reprinting can be performed without the original.

11. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein the image data is obtained through image pick up of an original.

12. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the reprint is performed without reference to said original.

13. (New) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said original identifying information identifies the original in a unit of film or a unit of a digital camera.

14. (New) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said original is a roll of photographic film.

15. (New) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said original is data from a digital camera.

16. (New) An image forming apparatus according to claim 15, wherein identification is to be made for each one request of a digital camera print.

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17. (New) An image forming device according to claim 5, wherein said character string is input when said original is from a digital camera.

18. (New) An image forming device according to claim 6, wherein said data base is accessible by at least two laboratories.

19. (New) An image forming device according to claim 18, wherein said laboratories are connected to each other through a network in order to exchange data.
